

# The Miner.

Prescott, Arizona.

## Camp Grant.

The "friendly Indians" on reservation at this post are gradually showing their cloven feet. Some of them have recently been out stealing horses from the peaceable Pimas; one of them broke into the house of a Mr. Moore, near the reservation, and rifled it of its contents. Their Chief, Eskiminzin, has grown quite saucy to citizens and soldiers, and, despite every effort of Agent Jacobs and Captain Leib to satisfy the savages, they still threaten death to the agent. So that, look at the Indian question as one will, the whipping process is the only process that promises peace to white men and stability to red men. Let us have peace through the medium of chastisement, as kindness and "religion" have only made the Apache worse than he was before the so-called peace commissioners of the present Administration ever set foot upon our soil.

## An Agricultural Region.

The valley of the Gila, alluded to in the report of Governor Safford—is on the south of the river, above Camp Goodwin. We crossed this valley in 1866, saw it again in 1870, and are free to say that it is a large valley, and well worthy the attention of colonists. Indeed, in the section of our Territory in which it lies, there are many large streams and thousands of acres of excellent farming land.

## Religious Fanaticism.

At latest dates from Ireland, Catholics and Protestants were by the ears, in Belfast, and the Government appeared to look on, regardless of everything. Over a quarter of a million dollars' worth of property had been destroyed, and, no doubt, many persons had been killed and maimed. Belfast, we believe, is a Protestant city, and, no doubt, the Catholics were being punished severely.

It is to be regretted, that at this age of the world, people claiming to be civilized, will let religious zeal and priestcraft drive them into such brutal excesses as have been committed in Belfast.

## The Mormons and the Indians.

The MINER cannot believe the story now going the rounds of the papers to the effect that the Mormons of Utah are again stirring up the Indian tribes in their midst, to attack and drive out the Gentiles.

Time was, we believe, when Mormons did actually commit such a crime; but Mormons are not all fools, and their leaders can now see that it would be courting destruction for them to stir up the savages.

Were they to do so, and the proof thereof established, as it certainly would be, Utah and the United States would be too hot to hold them; the Mountain Meadow massacre would be made the rallying cry for calling together thousands of avenging Gentiles. No, Utah dare not do what the Government of the United States is every day doing—inciting, aiding and abetting savage Indians to murder white citizens.

## Southern Stage Lines.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Moore & Carr, of Maricopa Wells, who own and run lines of stages between Tucson and Arizona City; Phoenix and Maricopa Wells. Their routes are well stocked; vehicles comfortable; drivers, conductors and station-keepers attentive to the wants of the traveling public.

## New Indian Agent.

We have a letter informing us that General Howard has relieved Major Dallas, of Camp Apache, from the position of acting agent for the Apaches, and has appointed Dr. M. Soule as such agent, temporarily. Major Dallas is, of course, pleased at having got rid of his Indian duty.

## The First Honey.

Our Phoenix correspondent is very much mistaken in saying that Mr. Chamberlain has presented him the first honey ever produced in this Territory. Had he been an old reader of this paper, he would have known better, as Prescott bee-keepers have long since sold pounds upon pounds of native honey.

## Blooded Stock.

A favorable opportunity is now offered Arizonans who may wish to purchase improved cattle, as will be seen by an advertisement in to-day's MINER. The herd is now in New Mexico, and having full particulars regarding it, as well as terms of sale, we shall be pleased to post any person who may wish us to do so.

## West Virginia.

Unless it be that the telegraph is trying to play another "North Carolina joke," the "State" of West Virginia has just voted Jacobs, (Liberal-Democrat,) into its gubernatorial Chair.

## Nominations.

Silas Woodson (Democrat) has been nominated for Governor of Missouri. Edward Baxter is the Republican nominee for Governor of Arkansas. Austin Blair has received the Dem. Lib. nomination for Governor of Michigan.

## Two More Men Murdered by Apaches.

Writing from Camp McDowell, under date of September 1st, C. W. Beach says: "Two men killed on the San Carlos, by Indians—one a Mexican; the other a poor white man."

## South Carolina.

The Republicans of this State have nominated T. J. Moses for Governor.

## San Augustine.

The feast of San Augustine was inaugurated at Tucson on the 28th inst.

## THE PROSPECT.

The recent Convention brought to our town miners and prospectors from almost every nook and corner of every mining district in this section of our country, many of whom were pleased to call on the MINER and cheer its editor by imparting some of the hopefulness for future activity and prosperity with which they appeared to be surcharged.

The callers were mostly men who have been in this country ever since whites first settled in it; men who have often braved death at the hands of savage Indians; men who have often lost their all by savage miscreants, but who have never yet "weakened" on the country and its resources, and who, to-day, have hopes which no calamity, save death, can crush out.

Their buoyant spirit has cheered us; has nerved us to put forth new efforts to attract attention to the mineral resources of our Territory—a duty, which, with us, has always stood first.

Among those too, who came, were farmers, upon many of whom, the long dry period just happily passed, (and which we hope will never again be repeated) has had a crushing effect. But they, too, were brimful of hope for the future, feeling conscious that the spell was broken, and that a period of agricultural success, such as blessed this section in 1865-67 and 8, was inaugurated.

Unpropitious as was the past Spring, those men planted a good many acres of corn, potatoes, vegetables, etc., which now, thanks to the late Summer rains, are growing and ripening finely, with nothing to prevent good yields, save, indeed, a heavy frost, which is liable to come, but which, we pray, may not come until late in the present month, when, with the blessing of Providence, the crops of our sorely tried agriculturists will not be injured by it. Last year, frost did not come until late in the present month; but, for the past few days, the south winds have moaned wintery, causing a fear that mischief may come.

The face of our country is now covered with rich grasses; water is plenty in most places, and there seems to be a goodly spirit of content abroad among the good people of Yavapai, which spirit, we have good reason for asserting, has also an existence in the hearts of their fellow citizens of the other counties.

The citizens of Maricopa have had a plentiful harvest of grain and vegetables. Those of Pima County have done well, considering the savage persecution to which they have been subjected. And so, too, have the citizens of Yuma and Mohave Counties.

Our great regret is that all the counties have not flocks and herds to fatten upon the luxuriant grasses that are going to waste all over our Territory, but for which, it is useless to hope, so long as Indians are permitted to live in our Territory and violate all laws.

## Subscribe.

A good many minds are now fixed upon our Territory. Her gold, silver, copper, salt, coal and diamond mines have intoxicated people everywhere. They are coming, coming, coming, like unto herds of buffalo; they need a guide to turn them from the glitter of the diamond to the surer, safer speculation of mining for the precious metals; cultivating the soil, selecting and settling upon timber and grazing ranches, and, as the MINER has earned a reputation for pointing, steadily, to such good things in these lines, as lie nestled here and elsewhere in the Territory, its proprietors make bold to advise all who would aid the Territory and themselves, to subscribe for it, and thus help us to unveil a land that promises soon to become rich and great.

## His Idea About It.

Captain R—ll of the Cavalry, is a son of—the Emerald Isle, and a gallant soldier. Once upon a time, in this Territory, the Captain, Surgeon H. R. W—, and ourself were talking about the Presidency, when, soldier-like, the Captain said that, in "detailing" Gen. Grant to act as President, the country had done well, in answer to which remark, Horace Greeley would have said, "The—ll."

## Big Melon.

Salt River Valley, Maricopa county, is great on the "produce." She is now putting the finishing touch on a watermelon which, it is thought, will weigh about 80 pounds.

## Gone to Apache.

Dr. Volney Havard, late of Camp Grant, is now at Camp Apache, attending to the medical wants of the Apaches.

## Paired Off.

We have advices from Camp Grant, which go to show that several soldiers and citizens have recently committed matrimony with several *senoritas*.

## More Diamond Hunters.

J. R. D. Armstrong was, on August 2d, organizing a company at Eureka, Nevada, to come here and search for diamonds.

## The Glass-eyed Chief.

For many years past we have known Miguel, chief of a band of Coyotevo Apaches, as "the one-eyed chief," but, as on his recent trip to the East, he took into his head a new eye, he will hereafter be known as the "Glass-eyed chief," or "Bully boy with the glass eye."

## Diamond Hunters.

Wood Dood, of Santa Fe, N. M., is now somewhere in Arizona, prospecting for diamonds.

## New Mexico.

Has weather much like ours, as we see by the Santa Fe Gazette, that 2.62 inches of rain fell there in July.

## Destructive Fire.

A Helena, Montana, despatch of August 24, says: "Yesterday afternoon fifty houses in the southern part of Broadway and Main Streets were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000."

## New York.

Hoffman has declined a re-nomination for Governor. The Republicans have nominated General Dix for that office.

## MORE HORRID MURDERS BY THE APACHES.

Second Lieutenant W. P. Hall, Fifth Cavalry, commanding Camp Crittenden, a military post in Southern Arizona, near the Mexican line, writing to Headquarters of the Department, Prescott, under date of August 29, relates how, on August 27, Apaches murdered Second Lieutenant Reid T. Stewart, Fifth Cavalry; Corporal J. P. Black, and two Mexicans. All this in Davison's Canon, 14 or 15 miles from Camp Crittenden.

Lieutenant Stewart and the Corporal started together in the buckboard, for Tucson. A wagon, with ten enlisted men, followed behind, and on coming up to the scene of the attack, the men found the Lieutenant's dead body, his head being pierced with five bullets. The Corporal's body was not then found. Placing the body of the Lieutenant in the wagon, the escort pushed on to Tucson. A force was sent out from there and found the body of Corporal Black about one-half mile from the scene of the attack. The Corporal's hands were tied behind him; head bruised and body shockingly mutilated.

Four unnamed Mexicans left Crittenden the same day, two of whom were murdered near where the Lieutenant and Corporal were butchered. Lieutenant Hall, with 30 men, entered the Mexicans. It rained hard and the savages could not be followed by their trail.

Comment upon an Indian policy the fruits of which are murder and robbery, is unnecessary.

## MINING ITEMS.

### Mohave County.

Hardy's Mill is running steadily. The last crop was a big one. The furnaces will soon be in full blast.

Mines and saw-mill in Wallapai mountains are being worked.

Rich strikes have recently been made in the old San Francisco district, in Wallapai and further south towards Yuma county.

### Yuma County.

Work will soon be started on the gold, silver, lead and copper mines near the Gila and Colorado Rivers.

Placer miners have lately taken out a great deal of gold.

### Pima County.

The diamond excitement has broken out among the population of Pima, and they talk of nothing but stones, carats, etc.

### Maricopa County.

The mines near Florence are attracting attention, and so are the diamond mines.

### Yavapai County.

Our own county is doing well in a mining point of view. Placer miners are busy working the gravel of several creeks and quartz miners are equally busy delving in the mines of Wickenburg, Weaver, Walnut Grove, Bradshaw and other districts.

Jackson, Shoup & Co., are running the Del Paso mill; Noyes & Curtis will soon move their quartz mill from the Hassayampa to Groom creek, to work ores from the "Heathen Chinee," Benjamin, Canadian, and other mines. But we must quit talking so much about *paucere* gold and silver, when the watch word is onto the "Diamond Fields," which diamond sharps say lie a little to the north and east of Prescott, and which are easy of access by wagon, horse or mule back.

## THE NEWS.

A frightful Railroad accident has just occurred on the Reading Railroad, Pennsylvania, by which several lives were lost, and property amounting to \$250,000 was destroyed.

The Republicans of South Carolina have divided. The Democrats go with one section of the Republican party.

W. B. Washburne has been re-nominated for Governor of Massachusetts.

The latest news from West Virginia gives Jacobs (Democrat) a majority of 3,206. A revolution had broken out in Peru. It lasted four days, during which time many persons were killed, including the President of the Republic and the leaders of the revolt. At latest dates order had been restored.

## Camp McDowell.

In remitting seven dollars, for a new year's subscription to the MINER, J. A. Tomlinson, Post Trader at Camp McDowell, Maricopa county, says under date of August 27:

All very quiet here—pushing ahead with the building of the new quarters—grass plenty and very tall—Indians have not paid us a visit for a couple of weeks past."

## Diamonds and Things.

All accounts point to the Little Colorado country as the place where so many diamonds have been found, and where bushels of diamonds and other precious stones are still lying around loose. Arnold, who claims to be the original discoverer, and who passed through Prescott over a year ago on his way to his diamond ranches, is coming here from Wyoming with a large party.

Fred Williams, who has just arrived here from San Francisco, feasted his eyes upon several diamonds, while in that city, and says thousands of people are coming here to get some of the gems and things.

Several of our citizens are outfitting, and count upon a prosperous diamond season. The shortest, best and cheapest way to get to the diggings, from California, Nevada and Oregon, is via Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ehrenberg, Wickenburg, and Prescott.

From Eastern Nevada, Montana, Idaho and Utah, the route via Hardyville and the Wallapai mines to Prescott, is the proper way. The diamonds are in the high table lands to the north and east of Prescott.

Our stage men will do well to prepare to carry many people.

Complete outfits of tools, provisions, clothing, etc., can be purchased at Hardyville, Ehrenberg, Wickenburg and Prescott.

Besides all other authorities we have that of Baron Von Humboldt, in proof of the existence of diamonds here, yet we do not advise people who have, or may be taken with the fever to believe such stories as that recently trumped up by McClusky, in the San Francisco Chronicle, or that told by Todd, in the Alta. McClusky has lied like a thief, and Todd has not done much better.

Gen. McClellan has arrived in San Francisco and says he was induced, by friends, to go into the diamond speculation, in the sure foundation and future success of which he has great confidence.

## Guy Howard.

Son of the General, and Rev. Mr. McFarland (Presbyterian), visited the Tucson public school recently, in company with Governor Safford.

## County Surveyors.

Each county in the Territory ought to elect a surveyor.

## LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., August 26, 1872.  
To the Editor of the Arizona Miner:

Blooded Stock.

Well, we have had, in our little city, yesterday, the great railroad luminary and all his attendant satellites. I do not, by any means, use these terms in an ironical sense, for, in common with the people of Los Angeles, I admire the man Scott, and believe that he has achieved and now retains his exalted position through sheer merit. His presence in Southern California, particularly in Los Angeles—even for a day—has fallen like a wet blanket on the hopes of the Stanford "steal." If the matter of subsidy should be submitted to a vote to-morrow, I doubt whether the Central Company would not be compelled to rest satisfied with what Phineas Banning, Esq., might be pleased to advance out of his own funds. Scott said, in a public address at the Bella Union hotel, that work on the 32d parallel route would be commenced at once and continued without intermission until a trans-continental line from San Diego to the East should be in operation, and this within five years. He hoped that the Los Angeles and San Diego road would be completed to connect with this line. Now, then, from all this railroad argument at least one conclusion may be drawn without much risk: that within two years the primal solitudes of Arizona will echo to the scream of an adventurous locomotive; and five years from the present hour will find a continuous line of railroad completed and in operation from the Colorado river to the Rio Grande—on the 32d parallel.

Things.

There is really very little of a purely local character for me to relate. We had a killing scrape since my last—a man killed his brother-in-law in a family row. Births, deaths and marriages continue on a powerful scale. The first-named of these three classes of incidents, particularly, is rampant. It is perfectly ridiculous to see the swarms of babies—in wagons and out of wagons—that collect along the side-walks at evening. In rain do the squirrels in the neighboring fields endeavor to emulate their numbers, and equally vain are the protestations of those of a philosophic turn of mind who view with alarm the juvenile invasion. I fear the matter will ever continue to be an affliction to this people if the City Fathers do not try and regulate the business by ordinance.

Personal.

E. J. Cook arrived on Saturday and will leave for San Francisco on Wednesday.

EVIL-MERODACH.

## LETTER FROM CAMP BOWIE.

CAMP BOWIE, A. T., August 22, 1872.

To the Editor of the Arizona Miner:

In a previous letter I gave an account of an attack and cleaning out of a band of Apaches in the Graham Mountains, by 1st Lieut. Wm. Stephenson, 8th Cavalry, in command of troop A, which left Fort Bayard, N. M., in the latter part of July last. Since that time this command has been operating in the vicinity of the Chiricahua mountains, where, on the 8th inst., they struck a trail, 50 miles southeast of Camp Bowie, and following it up a short distance, surprised a rancheria, killing two Indians, capturing stock, and destroying their encampment. The Indians fled in great confusion. No loss on the side of our soldiers.

This command returned to Bayard on the 16th inst. Much credit is due them for their active operations against the savages in this part of the Territory.

On the 21st inst., Col. Wolcott, chief of the surveying party of the Texas Pacific Railroad, arrived at Camp Bowie. He reports his party *en route*. They are now within 20 miles of Bowie. Lieut. Hicks, of the 8th Cavalry, from Fort Bayard, N. M., with 40 men, accompanies them. One line of survey will pass through Tucson, thence to Maricopa Wells via Sacaton. These operations speak well for the future of Arizona.

On the 20th inst., Major Sumner (late commander of this post) and 1st Lieut. J. Babcock took leave of us. Major Sumner goes to Calabazas, Arizona, on temporary duty, with his company, troop D, 5th Cavalry, and Lieut. Babcock to Camp Grant, to which post he is assigned to duty.

RIP VAN WINKLE.

## From Camp Grant.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Two hundred recruits from the East (took up the line of march from Fort Yuma on July 17) reached Camp Grant on the morning of August 25, via McDowell. These troops were to fill up some of the companies of the 5th Cavalry, now depleted by recent discharges by expiration of enlistments. They were under command of 1st Lieut. Earl D. Thomas, of said regiment. Some of the soldiers, being too sick to travel, were left at Yuma; others were assigned to companies at McDowell, and 58 to companies at Grant. The rest marched to Tucson, to join companies at camps Lowell and Bowie. Lieut. Thomas lost on the long, tedious route, but two men—both by desertion.

## Mr. McCormick.

Col. H. A. Bigelow received a letter from Hon. R. C. McCormick this week, dated Los Angeles, August 25, in which he states that he was going to San Diego with the Texas Pacific Railroad party; would return to Los Angeles, and start for Arizona about September 1st, should go to Ehrenberg, thence up the river to Hardyville, thence to the Wallapai mines, thence to Prescott, and hoped to reach here by September 15th.

Mr. M. Wormser, of Prescott, Arizona, made us a call yesterday. He reports the prospective future of that embryo state as brilliant, and believes, as do all others who know anything of the country, that with railroad facilities it will rapidly develop into the most productive mining region on the continent of America.

Mr. W. brings with him a large number of Apache Indians—that is, their photographs. He thinks it the only safe way of taking and handling the members of that valorous and blood-thirsty tribe.—Ventura, (Cal.) Signal, August 24.

## Gila Bend.

We are delighted with the news in our Phoenix letter, of the new life and activity that has just cropped out at that soon-to-be great agricultural settlement—Gila Bend.

Lieutenant John B. Babcock, 5th Cavalry, has been ordered to Camp Grant.

Professor Agassiz and party have arrived on the coast of California.

## FROM MARICOPA COUNTY.

PHOENIX, Maricopa County, A. T., August 30, A. D. 1872.

To the Editor of the Arizona Miner:

The diamond question begins to attract the attention of our old miners. Our townsman, J. Buck, has received letters from Salt Lake City, informing him of men there who found curious stones in Arizona which they now discover to be valuable, and that three parties are on their way to prospect for diamonds. All we have to say is, "Let them come," for as gold and silver are so plentiful, should they fail to find diamonds they will be more than likely to stumble on rich mines of the precious metals.

Gila Bend.

J. Chamberlin, from Gila Bend, reports that fifteen claims have been taken up on each of which there are from five to twelve acres under cultivation. The crops are doing well and everything looks nice at the Gila Bend and the farmers are preparing to raise large crops next year, to supply the workers in the diamond fields.

King S. Woolsey, of Agua Caliente, has tried several varieties of Irish potatoes and pronounced the "Early Goodrich" as the best adapted to this locality.

Mr. Chamberlin has presented me with a sample of honey, of an excellent quality, made by his own bees. I presume the first ever produced in the Territory.

There is some little excitement over the discovery of an immensely rich silver mine situated in Altar District, in Sonora, about three miles below the line and near to the famous La Tajio silver mine. Lumps of pure silver worth from twenty-five cents to sixty dollars each are plenty, and the average yield is given at \$1,000 to the 900 pounds of ore. G. Williams talks of raising a party and going down to locate. The chief difficulty to be met with there would be Mexican desperadoes. Wood, water and grass are abundant and game plenty. A party of eight, from here, were down there last winter, but were driven off by the Mexicans.

J. W. Swilling and A. M. Wallace inform me that it was Mexicans who endeavored to run off their stock, to which I referred in my last.

Our mails, at present, run regularly, and are fully up to or ahead of time. On Tuesday the Tucson mail got in six hours before it was due, much to the credit of the manager and driver.

On Tuesday afternoon a race was had between the horses of T. C. Warden and C. Thompson, for \$50 a side. Thompson's horse won.

Yesterday (Thursday) evening, T. C. Warden and lady, gave a social party to the ladies and lasses. About a dozen ladies and twenty gentlemen were present, who whiled away the time in dancing to the sound of the harp, flute, and violin. Supper was served at twelve o'clock, and the party broke up at one.

Judge Rush and family arrived in town on Monday, to locate permanently.

Judge Anderson, from Florence, is in town to attend to the coming term of the District Court. He thinks some of coming here by-and-by, to practice law.

Ed. Peck, from Prescott, is around on business.

Grant (not the President) is about to open a harness-shop in Phoenix.

The weather, for the past week, has been cooler and more agreeable, the thermometer never rising above 98° in the shade. On Monday night we had a light shower, on Tuesday evening a big blow, on Wednesday night several smart showers, and on Thursday (yesterday) evening and in the night some heavy rain.

It was cloudy this morning and rained again about nine o'clock. It is now somewhat cloudy but appears to be trying to clear off.

This rain will do much damage as considerable grain is yet in the fields unharvested and unthreshed.

## FROM YUMA COUNTY.

We compile as follows from the Arizona City Sentinel of August 24:

Three Indians had been caught trying to rob the Catholic Church.

A German named Smith, was found dead near the office of the Colorado Steam Navigation Company, on the 23d. The Coroner's Jury said he "died of bad whisky and heat."

In the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, we note that the Clerk of the Board was ordered to make a bill against this (Yavapai) county, for costs in the case of Wm. Gertrude, who amused himself in Prescott, by shooting a woman, for which villainous act, he has been "punished" by forcing him to live in a warmer climate than that of Prescott. The bill will be a large one.

Wm. B. Hooper & Co., were making heavy shipments of freight to Tucson and other points.

The law business was brisk. Judge Porter had a libel case to settle, which he did, by discharging defendants.

Wm. Sam (Chinaman) was in custody for having shot and killed a poor white man.

J. W. Dorrington, Court Commissioner, had been tried by a jury, before Justice Mix, convicted of the crime of extortion and fined \$100. His counsel appealed.

Dr. H. Bendell, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for this Territory, had arrived. He is coming to Prescott via Ehrenberg.

John Wasson, of the Tucson Citizen, had passed through on his way to San Diego. Dr. R. A. Wilbur, Rev. Mr. Cook, and the Pima and Papago Indians, who recently visited Washington, had gone up the Gila road. The two Date Creek savages were awaiting a steamer to convey them to Ehrenberg.

The river steamers *Cocopa* and *Mohave* had been making fast trips up and down the Colorado, and were still rushing through the muddy waters, with freight and passengers.

We regret to have to state that the *Mohave* had met with an accident at the mouth of the river, which accident caused the loss of her smoke-stack; her pilot house and boiler deck were also injured.